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SAFETY MEASURES FOR WOMEN IN TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways propose to introduce adequate safety measures for women passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways propose to depute women police in trains including in the ladies compartments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a)&(b): Though maintenance of law and order and control of crime on Railway premises including Railway Stations and running trains is the responsibility of the State Government concerned, the Railways co-ordinate with the State Governments for ensuring better security to the passengers. The Railway administration has taken the following steps:

1. Anti-social elements are being removed from Railway premises and trains by RPF.

2. Coach Attendants/TTEs keeps proper watch on the passengers' entering / detraining from the coaches.

3. Vestibules between coaches are locked during night hours and passengers advised to latch doors at night.

4. FIR forms are made available with the Train Guards/ Station Masters/RPF to facilitate the travelling public to lodge their reports immediately.

5. Sharing of Special Intelligence and Crime Intelligence between RPF and the GRP is done at all levels.

6 . Announcements are made through Public Address System and C C TV at important Railway Stations to alert the travelling passengers against theft of their belongings etc.

7. RPF Assistance Posts are provided at important stations to assist passengers in lodging FIRs with Government Railway Police.

8. Where and when necessary, RPF strengthen the security on trains to augment GRP escorts.

9. Periodic High Level co-ordination Meetings with Government Railway Police and Local Police are conducted to analyze the crime position with a view to taking suitable preventive measures.

10. Steps have been taken to sensitize the RPF personnel to the problems of women passengers by organizing workshops and seminars.

(c) & (d): Special squads consisting of ladies ticket checking staff and lady RPF personnel have been formed in Central, South Central and Western Railways to assist the women passengers. Ladies' compartments are escorted in some suburban areas by women GRP and women RPF staff.